

BOONE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2011

Council President Steve Jacob called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Marcia Wilhoite, Butch Smith, Debby Shubert, Brent Wheat, Gene Thompson and David Rodgers.

The Council minutes from February 8, 2010 were submitted for approval. Council member Debby Shubert made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Council member Brent Wheat seconded. Motion carried.

RE-APPROPRIATIONS

SUPERIOR I: (No one present)

Council member Butch Smith made a motion to approve transferring \$1,000.00 from 0101-201-3000.05 (Med/Psych Serv) to 0101-201-3000.91 (Extradition). Council member Gene Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: (Cindy Murphy, Nursing Director)

Council member Marcia Wilhoite made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1,477.00 from 0801-610-1000.21 (Health Ed/Nurse) to 0801-610-1000.27 (P.H. Nurse). No Council member seconded. Motion did not carry. Request was denied.

Council member Marcia Wilhoite made a motion to approve the transfer of \$5,248.00 from 0801-610-1000.16 (Enviro Director) to 0801-610-1000.15 (Nursing Director) and Council member Gene Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Council member Gene Thompson made a motion to amend the 2011 Salary Ordinance to read 0801-610-1000.15 (Administrator) with an annual salary of \$57,726.00, 0801-610-1000.16 (Environmental Health Director) with an annual salary of \$44,183.00, and 0801-610-1000.30 (PT Environmental Health Specialist) \$20.00/hr with a maximum annual amount of \$25,000.00. Council member Marcia Wilhoite seconded. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

SHERIFF: (Ken Campbell, Sheriff)

Council member Butch Smith made a motion to approve \$193.02 for 0101-005-2000.71 (Gas), \$342.99 for 0101-005-3000.02 (Medical), \$14.93 for 0101-005-3000.12 (Postage) and \$906.00 for 0101-005-3000.52 (Repairs). Council member Debby Shubert seconded. Motion carried.

JAIL MAINTENANCE: (No one present)

Council member Debby Shubert made a motion to approve \$81.72 for 0101-380-2000.70 (Other Supplies) and Council member Butch Smith seconded. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY: (Rick Carney, Assistant Highway Supervisor)

Council member Butch Smith made a motion to approve \$20,000.00 for 0702-531-1000.23 (Truck Driver OT) and Council member Brent Wheat seconded. Motion carried.

CUM BRIDGE:

A request for \$10,000.00 for 0790-542-4000.32 (Bridge 32) was withdrawn due to an advertisement error.

NEW BUSINESS:

Todd Meyer, County Prosecutor, updated the Council on progress concerning the Child Advocacy Center (CAC). Boone EDC has donated space for the center. During 2011 budget hearings, Mr. Meyer requested \$20,000.00 from the County for this project. The Council instructed him to return after the beginning of the year with this request. Money has been received from Whitestown. Mr. Meyer is still working with Zionsville and will be going before Lebanon City Council with a request as well. He will continue to pursue grants, funding/user fees and all avenues possible to make sure funding continues in the future. Council member Marcia Wilhoite asked for more clarification on this matter. Council members Steve Jacob and Gene Thompson will meet with Mr. Meyer to establish a financial recommendation for this center and report back to the Council.

The Prosecutor currently has a part time employee that he would like to move to full time. The salary and benefits will be paid from deferral funds 0534. The Council would like to know what the employer's portion of benefits would be.

The Prosecutor would like to move a portion of his office to the 4th floor of the Courthouse. Money had been set aside to help move the office across the street. Moving to the 4th floor would be more economical.

Council President Steve Jacob received information that the State of Indiana has overpaid COIT to counties this past year. The State will be decreasing amounts counties receive in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Total amounts were not available during the Council meeting.

Bob Clutter, County Attorney, addressed the Council regarding a possible increase in the CCD Levy. The current CCD Levy is 14.1 cents and state max can be 33 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Mr. Clutter informed the Council that a public hearing would need to be scheduled if the Council chose to increase the CCD levy and all advertising rules apply. Council member David Rodgers stated he is not ready to increase the levy now but it could be a decision better made in the future. Council President Steve Jacob voiced his concerns regarding possible employee layoffs in the future.

Council President Steve Jacob asked Mr. Clutter to discuss the issue of probation officer's salaries. During 2011 budget hearings, approximately \$410,000.00 was

requested for Probation Officer's salaries. The Council approved approximately \$179,000.00 to be paid from county general and the rest, approximately \$231,000.00, from adult probation user fees. State Statute says probation officer's salaries cannot be paid from user fees. However, state mandated salary increases can be paid from user fees. The \$231,000.00 to be paid out of Adult Probation user fees will need to be paid from County General. Approximately \$15,000.00 in state mandated salary increases can be paid from Adult Probation User fees and approximately \$75,000.00 can be used to reimburse county general from Probation Administration Fees. Therefore approximately \$140,000 in additional funds will need to be placed in Probations budget. Kari Ragsdale, Chief Probation Officer will need to submit an additional request for these funds during the April Council meeting.

Brent Cardin, Director – ARC Rehab, distributed information to each Council member regarding ARC mid-year report. Mr. Cardin thanked the Council for their support of the ARC program.

Council member Debby Shubert made a motion to re-appoint Steve Jacob to the Whitestown Economic Development Commission and Council member Gene Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cindy Poore, Deputy Auditor, updated the Council on the City and Towns Fund. The fund is used for distribution of funds to qualifying municipalities. Qualifications state these municipalities must prosecute at least 50% of their ordinance violations through the Boone County Courts. To date, this has not happened. Advance is the only municipality that could qualify if they prosecute 50% of their violations through Boone County Courts.

Cindy Poore, Deputy Auditor, updated the Council regarding Employee Health Care Funds. It has been determined that Health Department Insurance funds will be part of the County General Health fund. However, the Health Department will continue to budget for employee health care costs. The Highway Department will have its own Employee Health Care fund and continue to budget this item each year. The County will need to have a plan in place in the event that the Highway Department's insurance claims exceed the amounts budgeted.

Council member Gene Thompson made a motion to reduce 0123-115-1000.16 (Level II) from \$8,000.00 to \$2,500.00. Council member Butch Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Council member Gene Thompson gave an update on Cost Projection and Funding for Ford Road Bridge. The Zionsville Town Council voted to remove Cooper Road interchange from their transportation plan. This will create significantly more traffic on Ford Road Bridge. Mr. Thompson requested that the Commissioners look into this new transportation plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

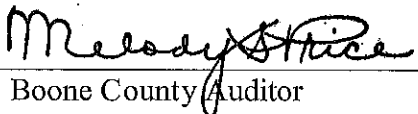
Dax Norton, Director Boone EDC, informed the Council that Congress is proposing a cut to CDBG (grants) funds to municipalities. This could affect communities like Jamestown, Advance and Thorntown. Mr. Norton is fearful without private investment these communities will have trouble maintaining themselves in the future.

With nothing further, Council member Brent Wheat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Debby Shubert seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting is April 12, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. to be held in the Connie Lamar Room in the Annex Building.

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(Date)


Boone County Council President


Boone County Auditor

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